

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Nov 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Nov 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Nov 2022 at 14:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for largely unsettled but lowering for the detail of the worst of the weather.

Headline for Thursday 24 Nov 2022: Showers developing, turning more frequent for the afternoon. Windy and bitterly cold at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Nov 2022

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Low Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow	Light snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	70%	40%	20%	40%	80%	50%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 24 Nov 2022

Weather: An unsettled day with showers, occasional overnight and through the morning, merging to longer periods of snow and rain for a time during the afternoon, before easing during the evening. Best of sheltered to the northeast of the A9. Snow level 700-800m lifting 900-1000m from late morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: For any given instant 70% in south, 85% in north in morning, becoming 30% in afternoon. Low for extended clear spells given the showery nature of the flow.

Low cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in rain and showers, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases occasionally in south and infrequently in east, lowering 500m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	34/45 S	32/43 SW	31/41 S	35/46 S	46/62 SE	47/64 SE	36/50 S	36/50 S	30/42 S
900	36/44 S	32/40 S	31/38 S	38/47 S	51/64 SE	45/58 SE	38/50 S	39/51 S	30/40 S
600	20/30 S	20/29 S	20/29 SW	24/34 S	35/48 SE	30/44 SE	27/40 S	27/40 S	19/30 S
300	7/19 S	8/22 SW	10/23 S	10/25 S	14/33 S	18/39 SE	11/28 S	15/33 S	10/24 S
Glen	3/14 S	4/21 SW	5/22 SW	4/22 S	5/22 SE	6/27 S	5/23 S	5/25 S	4/19 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-12	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-12	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11
900	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-8	1/-8	2/-7	2/-6	1/-6	1/-6
600	3/-3	3/-3	3/-2	3/-3	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2
300	4/1	4/1	4/1	4/0	6/2	6/2	5/2	5/1	5/1
Glen	3/2	4/1	3/0	3/1	6/4	7/4	6/4	5/2	5/2
Freezing Level*	900m	1000m	900m	900m	1100m	1300m	1100m	1000m	1000m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Some difficult conditions Thursday afternoon at height, with severe gales bringing severe wind chill, quite extensive hill fog and driving snow, with risk of blizzard conditions across highest peaks.

Forecast for Friday 25 Nov 2022

Weather: Brighter spells mixed with showers, these wintry above around 800m with the bulk of the outbreaks confined to the far western and southern ranges. However continuing cold at height with significant wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwest mean 30-35mph with gusts reaching 50mph across most exposed ridges and summits. Winds easing a little during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in far west and south, otherwise 90% plus.

Low cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in showers, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases infrequently lowering 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Zero to plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 800-1000m